

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now present in this application.

The specification and claims 1-10 have been amended, and claims 11-20 have been added. Corrected Figs. 3 and 4 have been presented. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 USC 112

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims should particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 112 rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

Objection to the Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Examiner indicates that the feed module and the measure line or a notch must be shown. Attached herewith are corrected Figs. 3 and 4, which indicate the mark with reference numeral 431. Approval of these corrected drawings is respectfully requested. There is not a feed module recited in the pending claims. As such, the claimed subject matter should be shown and the objection under 37 CFR 1.83(a) should now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner considers claims 1-10 to be allowable if the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection were overcome. Since this should now have been done, it is respectfully submitted that all claims should be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

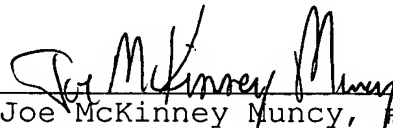
Conclusion

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto are two (2) sheets of corrected formal drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected formal drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

Reference numeral 431 is used to indicate the indication mark.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected formal drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.